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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (WFP) should be transformed into an Executive Board and that consultations between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) should be undertaken as soon as possible for that purpose, in view of the fact that WFP was an autonomous joint organ of both. It also decided that this process should lead to the adoption of parallel resolutions by the General Assembly and the Conference of FAO.

2. By its decision 1995/227 of 6 June 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme". The draft resolution is before the General Assembly in a report of the Second Committee (A/50/615, para. 5).

3. At the 14th plenary meeting of its twenty-eighth session, on 31 October 1995, the FAO Conference adopted, by consensus, a resolution parallel to the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly by the Second Committee (see para. 2 above). In that resolution, the FAO Conference decided, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes would be reconstituted as the Executive Board of WFP with 36 members, and decided to approve the revised general regulations of WFP contained in the appendix of that resolution.

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